
MARCH 8th, 1814.

Read and committed to a committee of the whole house on Saturday
next.

Amendments

Reported by the committee on military affairs to the bill from the senate "for the better organizing, paying, and supplying the army of the United States."

1 In section 4, line 4, strike out the word "eight," and insert
2 the word *ten*.

3 In section 9, line 4, strike out the word "two," occurring at
4 the end of the line, after the word company, and insert the word
5 *three*.

6 In section 10, after the word "enacted," in the 1st line, strike
7 out the words, "that the servants of officers, other than soldiers,
8 not exceeding the number of waiters allowed by the preceding
9 section," and insert in lieu thereof the following, *that no officer*
10 *shall be permitted to employ as a servant, any soldier from the line*
11 *of the army; and that the servants of officers not exceeding the num-*
12 *ber allowed by the preceding section.*

13 Transpose the 6th section, inserting it between the 7th and
14 8th sections.

15 Strike out the 14th section, and insert in lieu thereof the fol-
 16 lowing:

1 *And be it further enacted,* That every non-commissioned offi-
 2 cer and private of the army, or officer, non-commissioned officer,
 3 and private of any militia or volunteer corps in the service of the
 4 United States, who has been, or who may be captured by the
 5 enemy, shall be entitled to receive, during his captivity, notwith-
 6 standing the expiration of his term of service, the same pay,
 7 subsistence, and allowance to which he may be entitled, whilst
 8 in the actual service of the United States.

1 Add to the bill the following sections:

2 Sec. 18. *And be it further enacted,* That the physician and
 3 surgeon general of the army be entitled to two rations per day,
 4 and forage for two horses; and that in addition to their pay as at
 5 present established by law, the regimental surgeons and regimen-
 6 tal surgeons' mates be entitled to fifteen dollars per month each.

1 Sec. 19. *And be it further enacted,* That the president be au-
 2 thorised to appoint one purveyor, and as many assistant purvey-
 3 ors of the general hospital as may be necessary; whose duty it
 4 shall be to purchase all hospital stores, and be responsible for
 5 their transportation, safe-keeping, and distribution, under the
 6 rules which may be prescribed by the war department; and that
 7 the purveyor aforesaid give bond for the faithful performance of
 8 his duty, and be entitled to the pay and emoluments of a deputy
 9 quartermaster general; and that the assistants give bond as

10 aforesaid, and be entitled to the pay and emoluments of assts-
 11 tant deputy quartermaster generals.

1 Sec. 20. *And be it further enacted*, That the aids-de-camp of
 2 major generals, shall be taken from the captains and subalterns
 3 of the line; and the aids-de-camp of brigadier generals, from the
 4 subalterns of the line; and that it shall not be lawful to take
 5 more than one aid-de-camp from a regiment.

1 Sec. 21. *And be it further enacted*, That in no case shall the
 2 district paymasters, or quartermasters of any grade be taken
 3 from the line of the army.

1 Sec. 22. *And be it further enacted*, That the officers of the
 2 volunteer corps, authorised by the act of the twenty-fourth day
 3 of February, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, be entitled
 4 to promotion in the line of the army; and that the president of
 5 the United States, with the advice and consent of the senate, be
 6 authorised to fill all vacancies which may happen in the same.

1 Sec. 23. *And be it further enacted*, That there shall be ap-
 2 pointed a superintendent of the public armories of the United
 3 States, in place of the superintendents at present authorised by
 4 law, with an annual salary of _____ dollars,
 5 whose duty it shall be, under the instructions of the department
 6 of war, to introduce uniformity in the construction of arms for
 7 the public service, as well in regulating the national armories,
 8 as in furnishing patterns and determining the quality of such
 9 -arms as may be provided by private contract, under the provi-

10 sion of the act of the twenty-third of April, one thousand eight
11 hundred and eight, for arming the whole body of militia: *Pro-*
12 *vided*, That such regulations and instructions as may have been
13 prescribed by the secretary of war, relative to the manufacture
14 of arms, shall be submitted to congress at their next session.